

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 4-15 and 18-19 are indicated as allowed in the present application.

The specification has been amended herein to include reference to the sequence listing for the nucleotide sequences presented in Figure 3. Support for the amended text of the specification can be found throughout the specification as originally filed, *inter alia*, on page 7, lines 7-25 and Figure 3. Accordingly, no new matter is introduced into the specification by incorporation of this amendment.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that incorporation of the amendments and consideration of the above remarks has placed this application in a condition for allowance. Early notification of a favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

HUNTON & WILLIAMS LLP

Dated: January 20, 2004
Hunton & Williams LLP
Intellectual Property Department
1900 K Street, N.W.
Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20006-1109
(202) 955-1500 (telephone)
(202) 778-2201 (facsimile)

By: 

Robert C. Lampe, III
Registration No. 51,914